

REMARKS

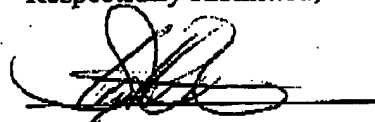
In the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, the Appeal Brief filed on October 12, 2005, was held defective for failure to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v), because the brief allegedly does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. More particularly, the Notification of Non-Compliance alleges that the brief does not set forth the structure, materials, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters for claims 33-48.

It is respectfully submitted that the Supplemental Appeal Brief filed herewith is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37. Appellants respectfully request that the Supplemental Appeal Brief be entered.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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